

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the above-identified application, and were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1-23 were amended. Accordingly, claims 1-23 remain at issue.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the invention as disclosed in claim 1 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

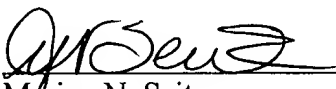
Applicants have amended claims 1-23 to recite a computer-implemented method, as suggested by the Examiner. The specification discloses the implementation of the method in a computer on pages 1 and 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully request early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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